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**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(VAC)**

CREATED BY:

Tucson Code Ch. 10A, Article III

Ordinance 3180, adopted November 12, 1968

Ordinance 7267, adopted August 7, 1989

Ordinance 8517, adopted June 12, 1995

* Resolution 22013, adopted March 5, 2013

MEMBERSHIP / QUALIFICATIONS:

The number of members is not specified and all members shall serve without compensation.

Upon approval by the Committee and ratification by the Mayor and Council, members shall be composed of those duly appointed or elected delegates from the Veterans of World War I; the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Jewish War Veterans; the Disabled American Veterans; and such other affiliated or similar veterans' organizations as request membership, and receive approval of the Mayor and Council, and such additional delegates from the said member organizations as the Mayor and Council may appoint.

FUNCTIONS:

- (1) To meet regularly as the representative organization of all affiliated Veterans' organizations in the metropolitan area of the City of Tucson.
- (2) To provide a common forum to the member organizations for discussion and coordination of activities.
- (3) To achieve cooperation and efficiency in promoting the activities, interest and goals of member organizations.
- (4) To confer with and advise the Mayor and Council concerning matters of interest to Veterans and the member organizations, and to compile, receive and disseminate information and data relating thereto.

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- (5) To develop and encourage united community understanding, effort and support of the common projects, aims and goals of the member organizations and in such manner to promote the general welfare, interests and well being of the citizens of the City of Tucson.

QUORUM:

A quorum shall consist of a majority of members currently serving.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

All appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years and shall expire on December 31. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointments, for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

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Historical Notes:

November 12, 1968 – Mayor and Council adopted ordinance 3180 establishing the Veterans' Affairs Committee and codified such organization.

June 24, 1984 – Mayor and Council adopted resolution 12749 amending the VAC bylaws to establish a permanent subcommittee designated as the Military Servicemen's Lounge Committee, which shall function under the direction of the VAC.

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June 2, 1986 – Mayor and Council adopted resolution 13647 approving and authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the US Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca, AZ and the Tucson Airport Authority for operation and maintenance of the military service lounge at Tucson International Airport.

August 7, 1989 – Mayor and Council adopted ordinance 7267 amending Tucson Code section 10A-22, changing the terms of VAC members from three (3) to four (4) years.

*June 12, 1995 – Mayor and Council adopted ordinance 8517 amending Tucson Code section 10A-26(1), which identifies the VAC as the “... **representative organization of all affiliated veterans’ organizations in the metropolitan area of the city.**” rather than “...within the City of Tucson.”*

** March 5, 2013 – Mayor and Council adopted resolution 22013 approving membership of the American Red Cross, Southern Arizona Chapter, Service to the Armed Forces Program*